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1. AS AN INITIAL STEP IN LOOKING TOWARD THE NEGOTIATION  
OF A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA, WE  
HAVE INVENTORIED ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND THE READINESS OF  
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FEDERAL AGENCIES TO UNDERTAKE NEW COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN

VENEZUELA. THE AGENCIES REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

NSF - SUPPORTS A FEW JOINT PROJECTS UNDER ITS LATIN AMERICAN COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM AND MAINTAINS AN INFORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

ERDA - NOTHING CURRENTLY, HOWEVER, VENEZUELAN HAVE RECENTLY VISITED ERDA TO INQUIRE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION.

AGRICULTURE - NOTHING CURRENTLY. SECRETARY BUTZ ISSUED STATEMENT JOINTLY WITH MINISTER CONTRARES CONCERNING COOPERATION BUT NO ACTION HAS FOLLOWED.

INTERIOR - NOTHING CURRENTLY, BUT HAVE ACCEPTED GOV INVITATION TO FIELD TEAM AUGUST 15-28 TO PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR TRAINING CENTER IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND THE PLANNING OF PARKS, RESERVES, AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT; AND TO DISCUSS JOINT PROGRAMS FOR CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.

EPA - ALMOST NOTHING; AN EXPERT WAS FURNISHED TO AID FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

HEW - ALMOST NOTHING AND NO FUTURE PLANS. FDA AND CDC HAVE VISITORS FROM TIME TO TIME. HEW PREFERS TO CONTINUE INFORMAL SCIENTIST-TO-SCIENTIST CONTACTS, MAINLY THROUGH PAHO.

NASA AND DOT - NOTHING CURRENTLY.

NBS -NOTHING CURRENTLY, BUT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING COUNTRY FINANCED SERVICES IN FIELDS OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (METROLOGY) REGULATIONS.

COUNTRY FINANCED SERVICES - A NUMBER OF FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES OF WHICH EMBASSY IS AWARE FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.

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2. AS THE NEXT STEP WE REQUEST THE EMBASSY TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF THE VENEZUELAN FOR S&T COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY AREAS OF HIGH PRIORITY AND READINESS. WITH SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE WE MAY FIND

SUFFICIENT OVERLAP IN INTERESTS TO STRUCTURE A CORE PROGRAM OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION WHICH COULD BE

BILATERALLY SUPPORTED AND GRADUALLY EXPANDED THROUGH A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT. MORE THAN LIKELY, HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL FINANCING WILL BE REQUIRED TO STIMULATE EXPANSION AND FACILITATE FEDERAL AGENCY PARTICIPATION ON ANY SIGNIFICANT SCALE. RECOGNIZING THAT BENEFITS FROM COOPERATION MAY BE UNEQUAL, THE VENEZUELAN MAY BE WILLING TO PAY A LARGER SHARE OF THE COOPERATION ACCORDING TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF BENEFIT. A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA THEREFORE SHOULD INCLUDE PROVISIONS ALLOWING FLEXIBLE SUPPORT BY BOTH SIDES TIED TO ANTICIPATED BENEFITS FROM COOPERATION--FROM 100 FINANCING BY VENEZUELAN FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO EACH COUNTRY FINANCING ITS OWN CONTRIBUTION TO JOINT PROJECTS OF COMPARABLE BENEFIT. KISSINGER

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